	Pre-revisd (prior to 1-9 1987) (Rs)	Revised (Rs,)
(ii) *Licence fee for the month:* -For buying agents	15000	180.00
Class 'A' merchants	50.00	60.00
Small Merchants	15. 00	20.00
Wharfage charges for all type of fish except Per lorry load	*Prawns: -*	50.00
		30.00
Per Auto		10.00
Per hand cart		10.00

The above rate will be doubled in the case of Prawns.

(b) A letter had been received from a Member of Parliament suggesting the convening of a meeting of all parties. The Chairman, Cochin Port is convening a meeting with the users.

Doubling of Railway Tracks

478. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the route Kilometres of the railway track which has been doubled during the last three years in the country;

(b) whether there are any projects now under implementation for doubling the tracks; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 518 Km.

(b) and (c) Details of approved doubling projects are given in the Railway Budget (Pink Book) 1987-88.

Employment to widows and women In distress

479. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANIC-KER: Will the Minister of' HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre have asked the States to consider special measures for employment of widows and women in aistress; and

(b) what other measures the Central Government are contemplating to raise the status of widows in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) All the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have been requested to consider issuing orders on the lines issued by the State Government of Rajas-than enabling widows and women in distress to get employment in Government by allowing appointing authorities to call for their names directly and not through, the employment-exchange and by removing the normal age limit for such employment.

Apart from this, the Department of Women and Child Development is implementing a scheme of assistance for setting up Women's training centres for rehabilitation of Women in Distress since 1977-78. The main objective of the Scheme is to rehabilitate destitute women and their dependent children through vocational training and through residential care with their dependent children, where necessary, so that these women may become economically independent. Vocational Training of short term duration not exceeding one year is organised in non-traditional areas where there is potential for immediate employment. The programme is executed through voluntary organisations. Under the Scheme, assistance is provided on